

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Tsai for conducting an in-person interview with Applicant's representative, Shirley L. Anderson, on October 22, 2008. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Tsai for his time and consideration. It was nice to finally meet Examiner Tsai in person, especially having worked with him on this application.

During the interview, the claimed subject matter of the application and the Schneider and Chen references were discussed. In particular, Applicant presented arguments along the lines of those set forth below in the section entitled "Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §102" and "Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103". Specifically, Applicant presented arguments how the Schneider and Chen references do not teach or suggest features, such as expiration value and removing filter.

Also discussed during the interview were proposed amendments to the claims. In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant proposes to amend the independent claims to further clarify features of Applicant's claimed subject matter.

Applicant understands that Examiner Tsai tentatively agrees that the proposed amendments overcome the outstanding rejections based on Schneider and Chen references. Examiner Tsai indicates that an updated search would be needed, and requests that the proposed amendments be presented in writing. Applicant submits the amendments in writing in this Response to the Office Action and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.